TO HIS BOOKE.

Goe little booke: thy ſelfe preſent,
As child whoſe parent is vnkent:
To him that is the preſident
Of nobleſſe and of cheualree,
And if that Enuie barke at thee,
As ſure it will, for ſuccoure flee
Vnder the ſhadow of his wing,
And aſked, who thee forth did bring,
A ſhepheards ſwaine ſaye did thee ſing,
All as his ſtraying flocke he fedde:
And when his honor has thee redde,
Craue pardon for my hardyhedde.
But if that any aſke thy name,
Say thou wert baſe begot with blame:
For thy thereof thou takeſt ſhame.
And when thou art paſt ieopardee,
Come tell me, what was ſayd of mee:
And I will ſend more after thee.

Immeritô.

¶ To the moſt excelle

Orator and Poete, Mayſt

verie ſpecial and ſingular go

deth the good lyking

and the patron

new Po

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Chaucer: vvhom for his e

his ſcholler Lidgate, a vvo

leth the Loadeſtarre of ou

his Æglogue calleth Tityr

to the worthines of the R

myne owne good friend M

ued vvell Pandares purpoſe, for the bolſtering

place in this our nevv Poete, vvho for that he

vnknown to moſt mē, is regarded but of fevv,

come into the knovvledg of men, and his vv

but that he ſhall be not onely kiſte, but alſo b

vvondred at of the beſt. No leſſe I thinke, de

neſſe in vttering, his complaints of loue ſo lou

his paſtorall rudeneſſe, his morall vviſeneſſe,

vvhere, in perſonages, in ſeaſons, in matter, in

citie of handeling his matter, and framing his

in him be ſtraunge, I knovv vvill ſeeme the ſtr

auncient, the knitting of them ſo ſhort and in

of ſpeache ſo delightſome for the roundneſſe

firſte of the vvordes to ſpeake, I graunt they b

yet both Engliſh, and alſo vſed of moſt excelle

vvhom vvhenas this our Poet hath bene muc

it be, (as that vvorthy Oratour ſayde) but th

cauſe he vvalked, yet needes he mought be ſur

cient Poetes ſtill ringing in his eares, he mot

tunes. But whether he vſeth them by ſuch c

choyſe, as thinking them fitteſt for ſuch ruſtica

theyr rough ſounde vvould make his tymes m

olde and obſolete wordes are moſt vſed of co

not amiſſe, that they bring great grace and, as

albe amongſt many other faultes it ſpecially b

ther againſt Saluſte, that vvith ouer much ſtud

by credence and honor of elder yeeres, yet I a

of the lyke, that thoſe auncient ſolemne word

in the other; the one labouring to ſet forth in

and the other careſully diſcourſing matters of

ry ſayle not, Tullie in that booke, vvherein